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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Barnhill, AAC Contact
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Scott Meriwether".

DATE: October 16, 2013

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

AOCGG Regulations re: Well Identification and Well Control Requirements for Wireline
Operations: 20 AAC 25.040; 20 AAC 25.287; 20 AAC 25.900

Attorney General File:	JU2013200087
Regulation Filed:	10/4/2013
Effective Date:	11/3/2013
Print:	208, January 2014

cc with enclosures:

Linda Miller, Department of Law
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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

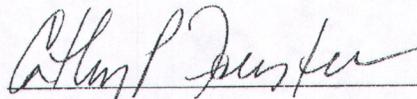
The attached 3 pages of regulations, dealing with modification of well control requirements for maintenance, testing and pressures for wireline operations, is certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission adopted at its April 18, 2013 public hearing, under the authority of AS 31.05.030 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken. Although no public comments were received, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 8-12-13
Anchorage, Alaska


Cathy P. Foerster
Chair, Commissioner

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Mead Treadwell, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on October 4, 2013 at 4p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.


Lieutenant Governor

Effective: November 3, 2013

Register: 208, January, 2014

20 AAC 25.040(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) name of the well or primary wellbore as ^{re} designated by the operator under 20 AAC 25.005(f) for the well drilled from the surface location;

20 AAC 25.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) For wells with more than one permitted wellbore (i.e. multi-branch completion) the primary wellbore will require compliance with (a)(1) – (6) of this section. Individual branch details as specified by (a)(1) – (6) of this section need not be posted but must be available upon request. The wellhead sign must include the suffix ^{YOMD} ^(straight quotes) in the wellname indicating multiple active wellbores are present. (Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152); am 11/3/2013 Register 208)

Authority: AS 31.05.030

20 AAC 25.287(c) is amended to read:

(c) The rated working pressure of the well control equipment must exceed the maximum potential surface pressure to which it may be subjected. If an approved Application for Sundry Approvals (Form 10-403) is required under 20 AAC 25.280, the commission will specify in that approved application the working pressure that the equipment must be rated to meet or exceed. [HOWEVER, THE RATED WORKING PRESSURE OF AN ANNULAR TYPE PREVENTER NEED NOT EXCEED 5,000 PSI.]

20 AAC 25.287(d)(1) is amended to read:

(1) at least once a month, wireline valves must be dismantled and rebuilt to ensure the integrity of the inner seals, following rebuild, the wireline rams must be closed and function pressure-tested before wellbore entry, [AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK, EQUIPMENT MUST BE FUNCTION PRESSURE-TESTED,] using a non-compressible fluid, to the required working pressure specified in an approved Application for Sundry Approvals under 20 AAC 25.280 or, if that application is not required, to the maximum potential surface pressure to which that equipment may be subjected; (Eff. 11/7/99, Register 152; ^{AM} Eff.

11/3/2013, Register 208)

Authority: AS 31.05.030



20 AAC 25.990(74) is amended to read:

^{((straight quotes))}
(74) "well branch" means that portion of a well drilled below the structural or

conductor casing to access a given objective in a well with more than one bottom-hole location

or whose bottom-hole location is being or has been changed by plugging back and redrilling; ~~AA~~^a

wells with multiple branches must feed into a designated primary wellbore;

20 AAC 25.990 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

^{((straight quotes))}
(76) "primary wellbore" means the active wellbore that is drilled from surface to

the reservoir target, in which additional permitted branches are drilled; In the case of a

sidetracked well, the new wellbore becomes the primary wellbore. (Eff. 11/7/99, Register 152³)

am 1/5/2006, Register 177; am 9/30/2010, Register 195; am 11/3/2013, Register 208)

Authority: AS 31.05.030 AS 41.06.035 AS 41.06.040
AS 41.06.005